

Cyril Opeil

Cyril Opeil graduated from the University of Scranton in PA with an Electronics Engineering Degree in 1982. He then worked for a few years for Westinghouse in MD. In 1984 he left his engineering job to enter the novitiate of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus. He started his studies to become a Jesuit priest, while teaching physics and chemistry at the high school level. After receiving two Master's degrees from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley in 1993 and 1994, he was ordained to the priesthood. He was then encouraged by his provincial to pursue doctoral studies in Physics in order to teach at the college level in the Maryland Province. He received his Ph.D. in experimental physics from Boston College in 2004, and became the first ever Jesuit Physicist at Los Alamos when he accepted a postdoctoral position. While at Los Alamos, he was also very involved in the Chimayo Parish, conducting, among other things, religious services. After his appointment at the lab, he returned to Boston College where he's been an assistant Professor in Physics since 2006. His research interests include the experimental study of single crystal uranium, Martensite alloys, ferroelectric materials and thermoelectrics.